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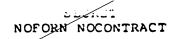
Communist Economic Aid to Non-Communist Less Developed Countries, 1985

This handbook, which is updated annually to provide data on Communist economic aid to Less Developed Countries (LDCs), serves as the Intelligence Community's official database on these transactions. Annual intelligence assessments on Communist-LDC economic aid are issued separately; the assessments for 1985 will be published in the near future. The statistics in this handbook update and supersede those in our previous publications.

The term Communist countries refers to: the USSR, China, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, German Democratic Republic (GDR), Hungary, Poland, Romania, Cuba, North Korea, and Yugoslavia.

For purposes of this report, the term less developed countries includes: (1) all countries of Africa except the Republic of South Africa; (2) all countries of East Asia except Hong Kong and Japan; (3) Malta, Portugal, and Spain in Europe; (4) all countries in the Caribbean and Latin America except Cuba; and (5) all countries in the Middle East and South Asia, except Israel. Although Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam have been Communist countries since 1975, data prior to this date are included here for historical purposes.

Assistance is considered to have been extended when accords are initialed and constitute a formal declaration of intent. Economic aid includes grants and loans; credits with repayment terms of five years or more which fit international definitions of concessional aid because of low interest rates or other soft terms are included. They are designated as "trade credits" if



amortization is less than 10 years. The terms drawings, deliveries and disbursements refer to the delivery of goods or the use of services. (U)

As to individual table entries, the term <code>Negl</code> refers to a value of less than \$500,000; <code>NA</code> indicates an agreement was signed, but the value was not known; two dots (..) indicate we have no information and presume the value is zero.

Until 1975 the annual review of Communist military and economic aid activities were covered in the R-14 report series, Aid and Trade Activities of Communist Countries in Less Developed Areas of the Free World, prepared under the aegis of the Subcommittee on International Trade and Aid of the Economic Intelligence Committee, USIB. The subcommittee was abolished on

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